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Prayer Partners,

Over twenty-five years ago, in a college missions class, we were given a hollow globe filled with folded slips of paper, each bearing the name of a country. Each student selected one at random and researched it, presenting as though we were on deputation. I told the Lord that I would one day serve in the country I selected.

I chose a nation bordering Senegal that was a limited-access country. In time, we were led instead to northern Senegal, with the long-term goal of reaching the surrounding countries with the gospel. When Julie and I arrived in 2009, I met a young man from The Gambia who was studying the Qur'an in our city. After a year of teaching him the gospel, he confessed faith in Christ. I immediately began praying that the Lord would send a church-planting missionary to his country to strengthen his faith and reach his community with the gospel.

Daniel and Sarah Jenkins answered the call of the Lord to serve in The Gambia. They established Living Hope Baptist Church and later turned the leadership over to a Gambian national, Pastor Samuel Manneh. Our ministry conducts yearly seminars at this church on biblical faith and Islamic evangelism, and we have partnered with several Gambian leaders to produce content in the Mandinka language.

Over a year ago, the Jenkins family transitioned to another ministry in Canada. We are honored to continue our partnership with the church in The Gambia, including overseeing a church plant in a new region. However, this transition has created additional financial needs.

We estimate that approximately \$10,000 is needed to cover ministry expenses in The Gambia until another missionary arrives at the end of the year. Two churches have already committed to monthly support for the Gambia ministry, reducing the remaining need to **\$7,600** for the year. This budget includes utility costs for existing buildings, partial support for church leadership salaries, and expenses related to church planting and in-country seminars. **We ask that you prayerfully consider making a one-time donation to the Gambia ministry or partnering with us through monthly support.**

Please contact me if you have any questions about the work in Gambia.

We will return to the United States this summer, and I will be available to give ministry updates and preach at our supporting churches from July 2026 through July 2027. During that time, I will also make several trips back to Senegal and The Gambia.

I have prepared teaching material on Islamic evangelism and would be glad to present it to our supporting churches. Several churches have already scheduled seminars on this topic while we are stateside.

Please contact me by email (missionaryjoshmead@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule an update, request preaching, or host a seminar.

Joshua Mead
Galatians 2:20



The Living Hope Baptist Church in Gambia



Speaking at a Friday Night Prayer Meeting



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Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support of this ministry!